1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	Himachal Pradesh	2597	16916	1248	2J34	250
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1461	6503	631	844	80
8	Karnataka	8335	26826	6350	6350	1500
9	Kerala	982	1530	982	1470	Nil
10	Madhya Pradesh	23523	71352	12512	12512	6000
11	Maharashtra	24937	36187	11155	11155	6000
12	North-East	4084	15192	1212	1414	600
13	Orissa	4411	46992	4010	4652	800
14	Punjab	11748	12188	6470	6470	3000
15	Rajasthan	7562	33305	6154	6346	1800
16	Tamilnadu	13288	15735	10422	10423	3000
17	Uttar Pradesh	73741	112508	14845	16420	10000
18	West Bengal	3486	38679	2295	2781	800
19	Delhi MTNL	101	243	191	191	Nil
	Total:	233060	576490	110591	118670	4682

Inoperative Telephones in Bombay

791. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of inoperative telephones in 819 exchange of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Mumbai during November and December, 1993 and what was the largest duration of telephones remaining dead; and

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of telephones in Bhayander area of M.T.N.L., Mumbai were made inoperative since the subscribers had not paid Diwali bakshis to M.T.N.L. Staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM). (a)November, 93....670 December,93....605. However, these telephones were not perative throughout the month but for of average fault duration of about 33 hrs. The largest duration of a telephone being faulty was 20 days due to a cable fault. (b) No such complaint has been lodged with MTNL.

Inadequate post offices to major cities

792. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of post offices required as per public demand and population arc quite inadequate particularly in major cities;

(b) whether Government would consider taking reserved plots earmarked for this public utility from municipalities, State Governments and develop them on a semi-commercial basis; and

(c) whether Government are likely to approve private parties proposals for such type of ventures on reserved plots for public utility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Post Offices are opened taking into consideration the departmental norms in respect of distance, population and income, Public demand is also taken into considerations in this respect provided the proposal satisfies these norms.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.

Merger of M.T.N.L, and D.O.T.

793. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to wind up MTNL